

Call for Applications Thomas Jay Harris Graduate Student Fellowships

The purpose of the Thomas Jay Harris Graduate Fellowship Endowment is to "create fellowships to further research efforts of graduate students with proven global interests in the College of Media & Communication at Texas Tech University. These students shall be known as the **Thomas Jay Harris Scholars**. Graduate students receiving such fellowships will be expected to write a thesis or dissertation on topics closely related to international communication."

To that end, priority for selecting Thomas Jay Harris Scholars will be given to graduate students whose potential thesis or dissertation projects:

- Enhance our understanding of communication in international settings
- Examine international communication factors and phenomena at the local, regional, and global levels that influence creation, transmission, reception, perception, and interpretation of mediated and non-mediated messages
- Integrate theoretical perspectives and approaches that examine communication within international, intercultural or global contexts

Up to two fellowships in the amount of \$3,000 each will be awarded each academic year.

Applications should include:

- 1. A cover letter addressing (a) how the applicant will benefit from the fellowship, as well as (b) confirming that they will produce a thesis or dissertation in line with the fellowship's funding priorities.
- 2. A 1000- to 2000-word prospectus outlining the potential thesis or dissertation project, including literature review and methodology. The prospectus should clearly connect the project to one or more of the research priorities listed above.
- 3. An up-to-date CV.
- 4. A letter of support from the student's thesis or dissertation chair.

Additional Guidelines:

- 1. The applicant must be enrolled in a graduate degree program within the College of Media & Communication during the academic year during which they will receive the fellowship.
- 2. The applicant must be in good academic standing.

Applications are due no later than **5 p.m., April 1** each year. Applications should be submitted via email as Word documents or PDFs to <u>graduate.comc@ttu.edu</u>.

Applications that are late, incomplete or do not follow the above guidelines will not be considered.